

REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 21, 25-34, 36 and 38 have been canceled. Claims 20, 23, 35 and 37 have been amended. New claims 39-45 have been added. The application now includes claims 20, 22-24, 35, 37, and 39-45.

Base claims 20 and 35 have been revised to a format more akin to U.S. practice and recite certain elements of the power supply device in the claims.

The claims, as amended, are not anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,351,818 to Murai.

Murai performs control for changing the power supply supplied to a physical layer to either an internal power supply or a bus power supply. In contrast, the claimed invention controls a switch makes cutting and connection of the path for supply of the power supply from a serial bus by the output of a voltage detection unit. That is, when an internal power source is ON, the invention cuts off the path for supply of the power supply from a serial bus regardless of the level of the voltage of an internal power source and a bus power supply, and when an internal power source is OFF, connects the path for supply of the power supply from a serial bus.

In view of the above, claims 20, 22-24, 35, 37, and 39-45 should now be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,

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